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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.)

SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF WHITE HOUSE TRAVELING PRESS FOR
VISIT TO POLAND

REF: WARSAW 4723 1. KONOPACKI'S REACTION IN INCLUSION OF REFE CORR
ESPONENT

HILL'S NAME ON LIST OF WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS WAS PRE-
DICTABLY NEGATIVE. PERUSING THE LIST, HE QUICKLY FOCUSED ON
HILL'S NAME, RAISED HIS EYEBROWS IN DISBELIEF, AND EX-
CLAIMED: "YOU MUST BE KIDDING*"

2. LATER, IN MORE RESTRAINED TONE, KONAPACKI EMPHASIZED
THAT RFE REPRESENTATIVE WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE AND EX-
PRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD WITHDRAW THE
NAME, THUS AVERTING WHAT HE SAID WOULD BE "AN OPEN CONFRONTA-
TION."

3. NOEL POINTED OUT THAT HILL WAS MEMBER OF WHITE HOUSE
PRESS CORPS, EMPHASIZED FREEDOM OF PRESS IN U.S., AND POINTED
OUT THAT HILL'S NAME HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH THOSE
OF ALL OTHER CORRESPONDENTS. IN RESPONSE TO KONPACKI'S
REACTION, NOEL SAID, TO HIM THAT WE SHALL DO EVERYTHING WE
CAN TO PREVENT CONFRONTATION ENVISIONED BY POLISH SIDE.
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